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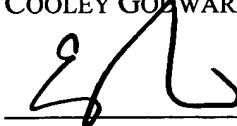
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In the restriction requirement mailed February 11, 2003, the Examiner requested that the Applicants elect among the following groups of claims:

Group I: Claims 1-25 and 38; and

Group II: Claims 31-37.

Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, Group I, which includes claims 1-25 and 38, for prosecution on the merits.

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